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COUNTRY: EL SALVADOR

SUBJECT: 1. BELIEF BY NATIONAL POLICE INVESTIGATORS THAT
THE NATIONAL POLICE PARTICIPATED IN THE
ASSASSINATION OF SIX REVOLUTIONARY
DEMOCRATIC FRONT (FDR) LEADERS.

2. COMMENTS BY A SENIOR SECURITY SERVICES OFFICER
ON THE REASON FOR RIGHTIST VIOLENCE AND LACK OF
REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNING JUDICIAL (RG) KNOWLEDGE OF
RIGHTIST ACTIVITIES.

1. SALVADORAN NATIONAL POLICE

OFFICIALS ASSIGNED TO THE INVESTIGATION OF THE ASSASSINATION OF SIX REVOLUTIONARY DEMOCRATIC FRONT (FDR) LEADERS IN SAN SALVADOR ON 27 NOVEMBER 1980 WERE BOASTING THAT THE NATIONAL POLICE HAD COMMITTED THE ASSASSINATIONS. ALTHOUGH THESE OFFICIALS INDICATED THEY PLANNED TO FILE NO REPORT WHICH DIRECTLY IMPLICATED THE NATIONAL POLICE IN THE INCIDENT, THEY WERE OBVIOUSLY ATTEMPTING TO SHARE IN WHAT THEY CONSIDERED A PRIDEFUL ACT. WHILE NATIONAL POLICE PERSONNEL PROBABLY AIDED IN THE ASSASSINATIONS, THE OPERATION ALMOST CERTAINLY CONTAINED ELEMENTS OF OTHER SECURITY FORCES. AN UNIDENTIFIED BODY GUARD OF POPULAR REVOLUTIONARY BLOC (BPR) LEADER JUAN C H A C O N WAS NAMED AS THE INDIVIDUAL WHO ALERTED SALVADORAN SECURITY FORCES TO THE MEETING OF THE FDR LEADERS.

2.

THE REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNING JUNTA (JRG) HAS BEEN UNABLE TO STOP RIGHTIST VIOLENCE BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT TOLD OF THE PLANS FOR RIGHTIST OPERATIONS. RIGHTIST OPERATIONS SUCH AS THE ASSASSINATIONS OF THE SIX FDR LEADERS ON 27 NOVEMBER 1980 WERE CARRIED OUT BY SECURITY FORCES WITHOUT INFORMING THE JUNTA

AND WITHOUT REGARD FOR POSSIBLE POLITICAL RAMIFICATIONS. THE SECURITY SERVICES BELIEVE THEY MUST TAKE MILITARY ACTIONS TO SOLVE WHAT THEY VIEW AS ESSENTIALLY A MILITARY PROBLEM AND LEAVE POLITICS TO THE JUNTA.